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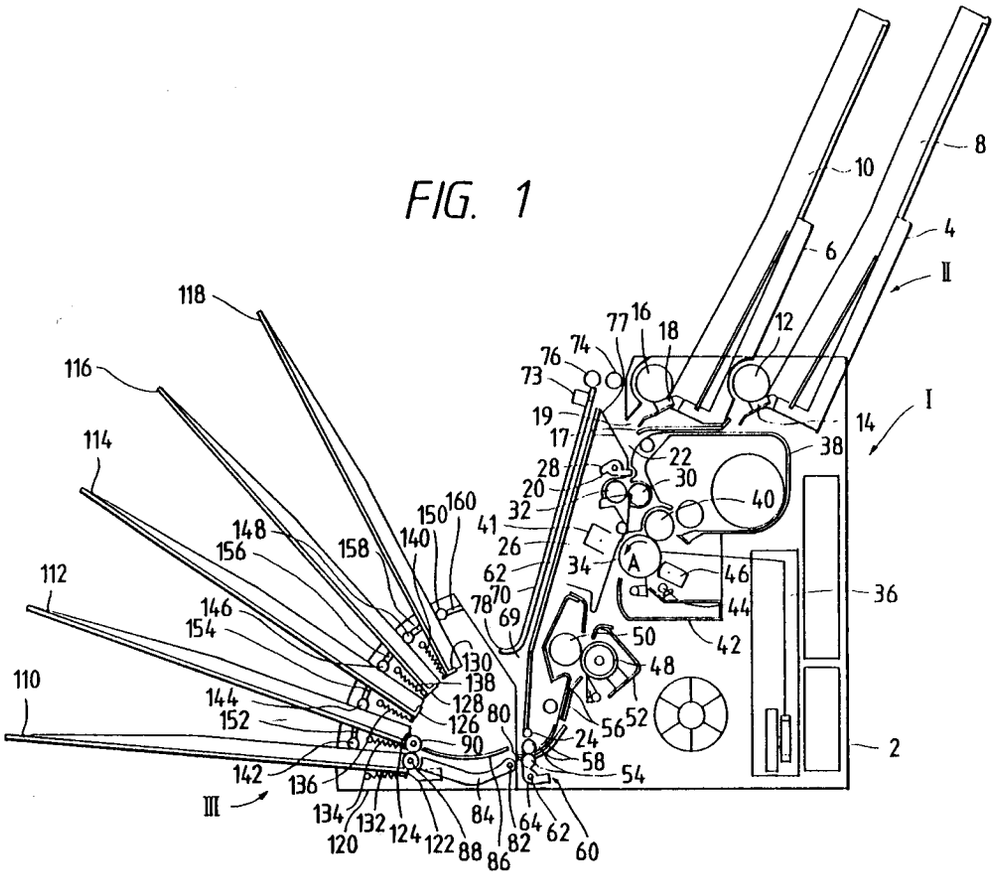
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(54) **Printer.**

(57) A printer comprises a discharge member (54) for discharging a recording sheet that has been printed by the electrophotographic process, the discharge member having a recording sheet discharge outlet (80); a plurality of sorter trays (110-118) for receiving a plurality of recording sheets that have been printed; a sorter guide member (84, 86) for guiding a recording sheet from the discharging member (54) to the sorter trays (110-118) and for discharging the recording sheet to the sorter trays; and a member for switching sorters by guiding the sorter guide member to a position of a desired one of the sorter trays. The sorter guide member (84, 86) is pivotably supported by the sorter switching member, and the center of rotation (82) of the sorter guide member (84, 86) is arranged near the recording sheet discharge outlet of the discharge member.

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